

Happenings @ Hampton

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What's Happening...

April 15	Team Parent Meeting
April 16	Coaches VS Managers game #1
April 17	Opening Ceremonies
April 27	Newsletter (biweekly)

The 2016 Season Begins!

Welcome to a new season at Hampton Little League! The sun is out (some days) and the sounds of kids having fun and playing ball is in the air.

Some important things and people to note for the start of the season:

Uniforms—if you don't have one, or it doesn't fit right, go see Alison Ranger at the clubhouse

Pat Chamberlin – Pat is our Player agent and can help with registration, fees, deposits, team changes, etc

Charles Gelling is our umpire in chief: if questions about umpires, go see Charles

DIVISION DIRECTORS are responsible for administration of the division, and liaison to the BOD

MANAGERS are responsible for the overall running of the team – a team leader

Sets practices, liaison with officials and Divisional Direc-

tor, guides the team coaches

COACHES work with the Manager and the other Assistant Coaches, developing and providing coaching to the players.

Every team requires a TEAM PARENT who is responsible for organizing, informing and coordinating the activities of the team and families Supported by the Team Parent Coordinator.

PARENTS please help out in the dugout or the field when asked . This is particularly important with the younger divisions as they need quite a bit of guidance out in the field

A Parent or guardian needs to be at the field when your child is here .

Older Teams—PARENTS please help with lining and raking fields before the game and rake the fields and remove the bases after games.

The 50/50 is on diamond 1, and pays for our umpires! The home team must sell the tickets. The game will be stopped by 2nd inning if no one volunteers.

A parent SCOREKEEPER is needed at each game (Mini Minors and above) if you don't have a scorekeeper your team forfeits the game.

OFFICIALS the majority of our umpires are youth and are learning

Please support our umpires by treating them with respect.

Make sure to sign up for your concession shift!

WHEW! That is a lot we know, but important to know!

Did you know that we are celebrating our 60th year this year?!!! Well we are! And we are planning a fun celebration so stay tuned!



The need to go to the bathroom for little kids can happen at the most inopportune times!

Hampton is a safe place, and we all help to keep it that way by taking care of and supervising our kids.

If you have a child in the younger divisions or who is unable to go to the washroom on their own, parents or guardians are responsible for escorting and supervising bathroom breaks or designating a relative to supervise as needed.



Have You Got a Team Parent?

As the volunteer Coordinator for all the Hampton Team Parents my role is to help and support Team Parent volunteers by providing information, reminders, and being the go to person for questions, feedback, concerns, etc. I know when I first volunteered as a team parent I wasn't sure where to even start and I was a bit overwhelmed, and I am pleased to now be helping other Team Parents.

Everything that happens at Hampton is done by volunteers who give countless hours during every season and for some all year long; so that the children and youth in our community can play baseball/softball, improve their skills, make friends and have a sense of belonging and self-confidence. The more people who help out, the better our League is for everyone.

Having a Team Parent for your team

is important! The Team Parent is the main point of contact for communication between the League and your team. The duties of the team parent can vary depending on what division you are in. For the younger teams (Blastball, Mini TBall, Tball and Mini Minors) the team parent is responsible for:

Communication

Receives and distributes information from Hampton Little League to parents and players.

May be asked by the coach to phone or email parents about practices, rainouts, etc

Organization

For the older divisions, the team parent is also responsible for ensuring there are volunteers for Score-keeping, field setup and clean up, & selling 50/50 tickets (when home team on Diamond 1 only) this helps

to pay for our junior umpires.

We want to ensure that all parents and kids have a great experience at our park, and making sure that everyone knows what is happening in the park is critical.

If your team doesn't have a team parent—get one!

If you have questions or want to volunteer, come out to our **Team Parent Meeting on April**

15. We will meet at the picnic tables in front of the concession at 6:00 PM

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Baseball for Adults!

Baseball isn't just for the kids!

Do you enjoy playing ball?

Do you enjoy hanging out at the ball park?

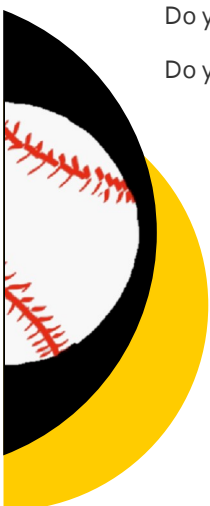
Would you enjoy getting to know some of the other great volunteers we have?

At Hampton we like to provide some fun for the adults as well as the kids. We host 3 Coaches

VS Managers games throughout the season. his game is for open to all adults who volunteer at the park, is potluck (so bring snacks!)

It's a casual pick up game with time to socialize and meet other volunteers.

(and PS you don't have to play ball, you are totally welcome to come and hang out in the stands with fun people, eat good food, and watch some ball).



It's National **Volunteer** Week

and we want to thank **YOU**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and all the children and youth of Hampton Little League, we want to thank you for all of your contributions and support. We appreciate that you put your own time aside to help the children and youth at Hampton. Your gift of time and expertise is what makes our Little League program a success. By sharing your skills, knowledge and most importantly your time, you are helping the children and youth to:

Be part of a safe and supportive community
 Experience a sense of belonging
 Foster success
 Develop skills, knowledge and confidence
 Play **BALL** & have **FUN!**



You are an important role model in our community and we cannot thank you enough for all that you do. We are celebrating our 60th year this year, and we would not have made it without volunteers like you. Your dedication is what makes Hampton Little League the unique and fantastic community it is.

Thank YOU!

Board of Directors
 Hampton Little League

